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3/3. Contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want", General Assembly resolution 67/290 of 9 July 2013 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and General Assembly resolution 70/299 of 29 July 2016 on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level,

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, that promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and that serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, adopting the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development",

Recalling further its resolution 2/5, on delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including paragraph 2 in which the Environment Assembly committed to conveying the main messages of its sessions to the high-level political forum on sustainable development to support its function in the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Reaffirming paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 71/231 of 21 December 2016, in which the Assembly encouraged the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly to convey the main messages agreed upon by the Environment Assembly at its sessions during the high-level political forum on sustainable development,

Welcoming the invitation of the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly to provide substantive inputs showcasing the contribution of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recognizing that the main outcomes of the United Nations Environment Assembly provide the key environmental perspective of sustainable development during the meetings of the high-level political forum,

1. *Reiterates* its commitment to conveying the main messages agreed upon by the Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum on sustainable development to assess progress

and challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its interlinkages with the social and economic dimensions;

2. *Decides* to include a standing agenda item of the United Nations Environment Assembly on contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, with the aim of considering in its deliberations the Sustainable Development Goals under review at the annual meetings of the high-level political forum;

3. *Also decides* to provide timely substantive inputs to the annual meetings of the high-level political forum, including during the intersessional period between the biennial sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly, as follows:

(a) The inputs will be provided on the overarching environmental perspective of sustainable development;

(b) The inputs will take into account the themes of meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development as well as the Sustainable Development Goals under review at each of the annual meetings of the forum, as well as the interlinkages between the environmental dimension and the social and economic dimensions of sustainable development;

(c) The inputs will also take into account relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly;

(d) The inputs will be prepared by the Executive Director or the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme, under the guidance of the President of the Environment Assembly, in consultation with and for consideration by the Committee of Permanent Representatives;

4. *Encourages* the interaction between the high-level political forum and the United Nations Environment Assembly and looks forward to its continuation and strengthening;

5. *Recommends* that the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly actively participates in and conveys the main messages of the Environment Assembly to the high-level political forum;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director and recommends the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly to work closely with the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council to enhance consideration of the annual contributions of the United Nations Environment Assembly in the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and to report thereon to the Committee of Permanent Representatives with a view to providing feedback to the United Nations Environment Assembly;

7. *Also requests* the Executive Director, within available resources, to ensure that the regional offices of the United Nations Environment Programme work closely with member States and the regional economic commissions to provide timely inputs in preparing for the annual meetings of the regional forums on sustainable development in order to enable environmental sustainability issues, including emerging ones, in the respective regions and the relevant resolutions of the Environment Assembly to be integrated in the submissions and policy recommendations to the high-level political forum on sustainable development.